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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS OVER WEEKEND

REF: A. STATE 142393 B. STATE 143876 C. STATE 143877 D. TEHRAN 5087

1. AS CRISES UNVARIOUSLY SEEM TO OCCUR OVER WEEKEND BELIEVE IT USEFUL REMIND DEPARTMENT THAT EMBASSY TEHRAN COMMUNICATION FACILITIES ARE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS AND SUNDAY (BECAUSE OF PERSONNEL AND OVERTIME FUND SHORTAGES) AND IT TAKES NIACT IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE TO OPEN THEM.

2. DURING FAST MOVING DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING AFGHAN REGIME AND QUESTION OF ITS RECOGNITION WE WERE LEFT IN DARK FOR NEARLY 40 HOURS (FROM ABOUT 1720 LOCAL JULY 19 TO 2320 LOCAL JULY 21) BECAUSE MESSAGES SUCH AS JREFTELS A, B, AND C WHICH INCLUDED INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EMBASSY WERE NOT SLUGGED NIACT. FOR EXAMPLE, STATE 142393 TRANSMITTED FROM DEPARTMENT JUNE 19 AT 2349Z WAS DISTRIBUTED HERE AT 0926 HOURS LOCAL JUNE 21. FORTUNATELY NO DAMAGE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DONE BUT IN CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS THESE WE COULD HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT ON A LIMB.

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